



## SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

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#### **Subject: Jury Arrest Warrant Scam**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this Security Information Bulletin is to advise recipients of a scam that is being perpetrated across the country, and that is presently active in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court (Kendall County). Earlier this year the United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois disseminated a warning about this scam.

**Details:** The fraudulent scam involves an individual telephoning a citizen and advising them that they missed scheduled jury duty and that a judge has issued an arrest warrant. In the Kendall County case the caller identified himself as "Captain David Allen" from the "Federal Warrant Division". The caller also provided the name of a sitting 23<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court Judge as the jurist who issued the arrest warrant.

The caller then advises the victim that they can avoid arrest if they pay the "fine" immediately. The caller then instructs the victim to obtain a "money pack" – a type of prepaid credit card available at many retail establishments – and to call "Captain Allen" at a specified phone number. The victim will then read the numbers off of the money pack and the matter will then be settled.

**Advisement:** While it is unclear how widespread this fraudulent activity may be within Illinois, it is likely that this particular scam may appear in other circuits throughout the State of Illinois. Recipients are encouraged to share the contents of this notification with all court officers of your jurisdictions and your local law enforcement agency of jurisdiction.

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